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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): FALKLAND ISLANDS AND PUERTO RICO

1. WE LEARNED ON AUGUST 27 THAT ARGENTINA HAS BEEN SEEKING CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR A C-24 RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLAND (MALVINAS) ISLANDS. THE BRITISH, AS WELL AS MOST MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24, HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GOA WOULD NOT RPT NOT SEEK TO HAVE THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CONSIDERED BY THE C-24 DURING ITS 1976 SESSION.

2. C-24 CONSIDERATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS MIGHT CAUSE A FURTHER DELAY IN THE C-24'S CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO SINCE THE C-24 MIGHT TAKE UP THE FALKLANDS BEFORE PUERTO RICO. RICHARDSON SAID THAT THE UK WOULD PREFER THAT THE FALKLANDS COME UP AS LATE AS POSSIBLE.

3. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE GOA DRAFT RESOLUTION (NOT YET CIRCULATED) PROVIDED TO US IN CONFIDENCE BY RICHARDSON: QUOTE HAVING EXAMINED THE QUESTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS), RECALLING THE RESOLUTIONS 1514 (XV), 2064 (XX) AND 3160 (XXVIII), OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BEARING IN MIND THE PARAGRAPHS RELATED TO THIS QUESTION ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF

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NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES (LIMA 1975) AS WELL AS IN THE FIFTH CON-

REFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES
(COLOMBO 1976),

1. EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE FOR THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS MADE BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT
DECISIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS
OF DECOLONIZATION AND TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE POPULATION OF
THE
ISLANDS;

2. REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC TO EXPEDITE THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE
DISPUTE ON THE SOVEREIGNTY AS REQUESTED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

3. CALLS UPON THE TWO PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING DECISIONS
THAT WOULD IMPLY INTRODUCING UNILATERAL MODIFICATIONS IN THE SIT-
UATION WHILE IT IS GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS RECOMMENDED IN THE
ABOVEMENTIONED RESOLUTIONS:

4. REQUESTS BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO REPORT TO THE SECRETARY
GENERAL AND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE
RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. UNQUOTE
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